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AIR FREIGHT UP 21% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 25, 1988--Air freight increased 21 percent in the first quarter of 1988, compared with the same period last year, and was up 16.9 percent in March for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in the first quarter rose 17.4 percent, while mail registered a 6.0 percent increase. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, increased 14.6 percent.

Domestic air freight in March was up 17.5 percent. Mail increased 10.1 percent, and total cargo grew 15.8 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in the first quarter was up 25.3 percent. Mail rose 5.5 percent, and total cargo increased 23.1 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight in March was up 16.1 percent. International mail traffic rose 6.5 percent. Total cargo increased 15.2 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MARCH	1988	415,874	117,947	533,821	369,211	36,919	406,130	785,085	939,951
MARCH	1987	353,935	107,115	461,050	317,889	34,675	352,564	671,824	813,614
PERCENT CHANGE		17.5	10.1	15.8	16.1	6.5	15.2	16.9	15.5
3 MONTHS	1988	1,117,334	328,619	1,445,953	990,641	103,245	1,093,886	2,107,975	2,539,839
3 MONTHS	1987	951,981	310,045	1,262,026	790,416	97,866	888,282	1,742,397	2,150,308
PERCENT CHANGE		17.4	6.0	14.6	25.3	5.5	23.1	21.0	18.1

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.